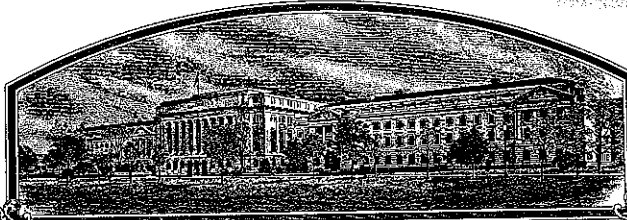


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THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc.

Whereas, THERE HAS BEEN PRESENTED TO THE

Secretary of Agriculture

AN APPLICATION REQUESTING A CERTIFICATE OF PROTECTION FOR AN ALLEGED DISTINCT VARIETY OF SEXUALLY REPRODUCED, OR TUBER PROPAGATED PLANT, THE NAME AND DESCRIPTION OF WHICH ARE CONTAINED IN THE APPLICATION AND EXHIBITS, A COPY OF WHICH IS HEREUNTO ANNEXED AND MADE A PART HEREOF, AND THE VARIOUS REQUIREMENTS OF LAW IN SUCH CASES MADE AND PROVIDED HAVE BEEN COMPLIED WITH, AND THE TITLE THERETO IS FROM THE RECORDS OF THE PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION OFFICE, IN THE APPLICANT(S) INDICATED IN THE SAID COPY, AND WHEREAS, UPON DUE EXAMINATION MADE, THE SAID APPLICANT(S) IS (ARE) ADJUDGED TO BE ENTITLED TO A CERTIFICATE OF PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION UNDER THE LAW.

NOW, THEREFORE, THIS CERTIFICATE OF PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION IS TO GRANT UNTO THE SAID APPLICANT(S) AND THE SUCCESSORS, HEIRS OR ASSIGNS OF THE SAID APPLICANT(S) FOR THE TERM OF TWENTY YEARS FROM THE DATE OF THIS GRANT, SUBJECT TO THE PAYMENT OF THE REQUIRED FEES AND PERIODIC REPLENISHMENT OF VIABLE BASIC SEED OF THE VARIETY IN A PUBLIC REPOSITORY AS PROVIDED BY LAW, THE RIGHT TO EXCLUDE OTHERS FROM SELLING THE VARIETY, OR OFFERING IT FOR SALE, OR REPRODUCING IT, OR IMPORTING IT, OR EXPORTING IT, OR CONDITIONING IT FOR PROPAGATION, OR STOCKING IT FOR ANY OF THE ABOVE PURPOSES, OR CONDITIONING IT FOR PROPAGATION, OR STOCKING IT FOR ANY OF THE ABOVE PURPOSES, OR USING IT IN PRODUCING A HYBRID OR DIFFERENT VARIETY THEREFROM, TO THE EXTENT PROVIDED IN THE PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION ACT. (34 STAT. 1542, AS AMENDED, 7 U.S.C. 2321 ET SEQ.)

COTTON

'GC-204'

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Plant Variety Protection Office to be affixed at the City of Washington, D.C. this first day of March, in the year two thousand and five.

Attest:

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Commissioner
Plant Variety Protection Office
Agricultural Marketing Service

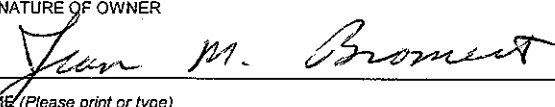
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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY - PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION OFFICE

APPLICATION FOR PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION CERTIFICATE
(Instructions and information collection burden statement on reverse)

The following statements are made in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a) and the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995.

Application is required in order to determine if a plant variety protection certificate is to be issued (7 U.S.C. 2421). Information is held confidential until certificate is issued (7 U.S.C. 2426).

1. NAME OF OWNER Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc.		2. TEMPORARY DESIGNATION OR EXPERIMENTAL NAME GC-204	2. VARIETY NAME GC-204
4. ADDRESS (Street and No., or R.F.D. No., City, State, and ZIP Code, and Country) 7100 N. W. 62 nd Ave. P.O. Box 1000 Johnston, IA 50131-1000 USA		5. TELEPHONE (include area code) (515) 253-5870	FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY PRO NUMBER 200000176
7. IF THE OWNER NAMED IS NOT A "PERSON", GIVE FORM OF ORGANIZATION (corporation, partnership, association, etc.) Corporation		6. FAX (include area code) (515) 334-6883	FILING DATE 3/8/00
8. IF INCORPORATED, GIVE STATE OF INCORPORATION Iowa	9. DATE OF INCORPORATION March 5, 1999		FILING AND EXAMINATION FEES: \$ 2450.00 DATE 3/8/00 CERTIFICATION FEE: \$ 432.00 DATE 4/27/04
10. NAME AND ADDRESS OF OWNER REPRESENTATIVE(S) TO SERVE IN THIS APPLICATION. (First person listed will receive all papers) Jean M. Bromert STEVE CALLISTEIN 4/12/04 Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc. 7100 N.W. 62 nd Avenue P.O. Box 1000 Johnston, IA 50131-1000 USA			
11. TELEPHONE (Include area code) (515) 253-5870	12. FAX (Include area code) (515) 334 6883	13. E-MAIL bromert@phibred.com	14. CROP KIND (Common Name) Cotton
18. CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX FOR EACH ATTACHMENT SUBMITTED (Follow instructions on reverse) a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exhibit A. Origin and Breeding History of the Variety b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exhibit B. Statement of Distinctness c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exhibit C. Objective Description of Variety d. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exhibit D. Additional Description of the Variety (Optional) e. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exhibit E. Statement of the Basis of the Owner's Ownership f. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Voucher Sample (2,500 viable untreated seeds or, for tuber propagated varieties, verification that tissue culture will be deposited and maintained in an approved public repository) g. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Filing and Examination Fee (\$2,450), made payable to "Treasurer of the United States" (Mail to the Plant Variety Protection Office)		19. DOES THE OWNER SPECIFY THAT SEED OF THIS VARIETY BE SOLD AS A CLASS OF CERTIFIED SEED? See Section 83(a) of the Plant Variety Protection Act <input type="checkbox"/> YES (If "yes", answer items 20 and 21 below) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO (If "no," go to item 22)	
22. HAS THE VARIETY (INCLUDING ANY HARVESTED MATERIAL) OR A HYBRID PRODUCED FROM THIS VARIETY BEEN SOLD, DISPOSED OF, TRANSFERRED, OR USED IN THE U. S. OR OTHER COUNTRIES? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO IF YES, YOU MUST PROVIDE THE DATE OF FIRST SALE, DISPOSITION, TRANSFER, OR USE FOR EACH COUNTRY AND THE CIRCUMSTANCES. (Please use space indicated on reverse.)		20. DOES THE OWNER SPECIFY THAT SEED OF THIS VARIETY BE LIMITED AS TO NUMBER OF CLASSES? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO IF YES, WHICH CLASSES? <input type="checkbox"/> FOUNDATION <input type="checkbox"/> REGISTERED <input type="checkbox"/> CERTIFIED	
		21. DOES THE OWNER SPECIFY THAT THE CLASSES BE LIMITED AS TO NUMBER OF GENERATIONS? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO IF YES, SPECIFY THE NUMBER 1, 2, 3, etc. <input type="checkbox"/> FOUNDATION <input type="checkbox"/> REGISTERED <input type="checkbox"/> CERTIFIED (If additional explanation is necessary, please use the space indicated on the reverse.)	
23. IS THE VARIETY OR ANY COMPONENT OF THE VARIETY PROTECTED BY INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHT (PLANT BREEDER'S RIGHT OR PATENT)? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO IF YES, GIVE COUNTRY, DATE OF FILING OR ISSUANCE AND ASSIGNED REFERENCE NUMBER. (Please use space indicated on reverse.)			
24. The owners declare that a viable sample of basic seed of the variety will be furnished with application and will be replenished upon request in accordance with such regulations as may be applicable, or for a tuber propagated variety a tissue culture will be deposited in a public repository and maintained for the duration of the certificate. The undersigned owner(s) is(are) the owner of this sexually reproduced or tuber propagated plant variety, and believe(s) that the variety is new, distinct, uniform, and stable as required in Section 42, and is entitled to protection under the provisions of Section 42 of the Plant Variety Protection Act. Owner(s) is(are) informed that false representation herein can jeopardize protection and result in penalties.			
SIGNATURE OF OWNER 		SIGNATURE OF OWNER 	
NAME (Please print or type) Jean M. Bromert		NAME (Please print or type) 	
CAPACITY OR TITLE Corporate Patent Counsel	DATE 3-6-00	CAPACITY OR TITLE 	DATE

INSTRUCTIONS

GENERAL: To be effectively filed with the Plant Variety Protection Office (PVPO), **ALL** of the following items must be received in the PVPO: (1) Completed application form signed by the owner; (2) completed exhibits A, B, C, E; (3) for a seed reproduced variety at least 2,500 viable untreated seeds, for a hybrid variety at least 2,500 untreated seeds of each line necessary to reproduce the variety, or for tuber reproduced varieties verification that a viable (*in the sense that will reproduce an entire plant*) tissue culture will be deposited and maintained in an approved public repository; (4) check drawn on a U.S. bank for \$2,450 (\$300 filing fee and \$2,150 examination fee), payable to "Treasurer of the United States" (See Section 97.6 of the Regulations and Rules of Practice.) Partial application will be held in the PVPO for not more than 90 days, then returned to the applicant as unfilled. Mail application and other requirements to Plant Variety Protection Office, AMS, USDA, Room 500, NAL Building, 10301 Baltimore Avenue, Beltsville, MD 20705-2351. Retain one copy for your files. All items on the face of the application are self explanatory unless noted below. Corrections on the application form and exhibits must be initialed and dated. **DO NOT** use masking material to make corrections. If a certificate is allowed, you will be requested to send a check payable to "Treasurer of the United States" in the amount of \$300 for issuance of the certificate. Certificates will be issued to owner, not licensee or agent.

Plant Variety Protection Office

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Homepage: <http://www.ams.usda.gov/science/pvp.htm>

ITEM

- 18a. Give: (1) the genealogy, including public and commercial varieties, lines, or clones used, and the breeding method; (2) the details of subsequent stages of selection and multiplication; (3) evidence of uniformity and stability; and (4) the type and frequency of variants during reproduction and multiplication and state how these variants may be identified
- 18b. Give a summary of the variety's distinctness. Clearly state how this application variety may be distinguished from all other varieties in the same crop. If the new variety is most similar to one variety or a group of related varieties:
- (1) identify these varieties and state all differences objectively;
 - (2) attach statistical data for characters expressed numerically and demonstrate that these are clear differences; and
 - (3) submit, if helpful, seed and plant specimens or photographs (prints) of seed and plant comparisons which clearly indicate distinctness.
- 18c. Exhibit C forms are available from the PVPO Office for most crops; specify crop kind. Fill in Exhibit C (Objective Description of Variety) form as completely as possible to describe your variety.
- 18d. Optional additional characteristics and/or photographs. Describe any additional characteristics that cannot be accurately conveyed in Exhibit C. Use comparative varieties as is necessary to reveal more accurately the characteristics that are difficult to describe, such as plant habit, plant color, disease resistance, etc.
- 18e. Section 52(5) of the Act requires applicants to furnish a statement of the basis of the applicant's ownership. An Exhibit E form is available from the PVPO.
19. If "Yes" is specified (*seed of this variety be sold by variety name only, as a class of certified seed*), the applicant **MAY NOT** reverse this affirmative decision after the variety has been sold and so labeled, the decision published, or the certificate issued. However, if "No" has been specified, the applicant may change the choice. (See Regulations and Rules of Practice, Section 97.103).
21. See Section 83 of the Act for the Contents and Term of Plant Variety Protection.
22. See Sections 41, 42, and 43 of the Act and Section 97.5 of the regulations for eligibility requirements.
23. See Section 5.5 of the Act for instructions on claiming the benefit of an earlier filing date.

21. CONTINUED FROM FRONT (Please provide a statement as to the limitation and sequence of generations that may be certified.)

22. CONTINUED FROM FRONT (Please provide the date of first sale, disposition, transfer, or use for each country and the circumstances, if the variety (including any harvested material) or a hybrid produced from this variety has been sold, disposed of, transferred, or used in the U.S. or other countries.)

March 15th, 1999
USA

23. CONTINUED FROM FRONT (Please give the country, date of filing or issuance, and assigned reference number, if the variety or any component of the variety is protected by intellectual property right (Plant Breeder's Right or Patent).)

NOTES: It is the responsibility of the applicant/owner to keep the PVPO informed of any changes of address or change of ownership or assignment or owner's representative during the life of the application/certificate. There is no charge for filing a change of address. The fee for filing a change of ownership or assignment or any modification of owner's name is specified in Section 97.175 of the regulations. (See Section 101 of the Act, and Sections 97.130, 97.131, 97.175(h) of the Regulations and Rules of Practice.)

To avoid conflict with other variety names in use, the applicant must check the variety names proposed by contacting: Seed Branch, AMS, USDA, Room 213, Building 306, Beltsville Agricultural Research Center--East, Beltsville, MD 20705. Telephone: (301) 504-8089.

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INTRODUCTION

In cooperation with Helaseed S.A. of Greece, which is a subsidiary of Pioneer Hybrid International, Inc. Germain's Cotton Seeds, Inc. has submitted under this cover a request for Plant Variety Protection on the following varieties: GC-120, GC-204, GC-251, and GC-271. These proprietary varieties developed by Germain's has received OECD certification and will be marketed in Greece under the following synonyms: ALPINA (GC-120), FOTINI (GC-204), SOFIA (GC-251), and BRAVADA (GC-271).

All of these varieties were genetically manipulated from Upland germ plasm, which usually produces progeny that has lower fiber strength than the approved Acala varieties commercially grown in California.

Since California growers were restricted by state law from planting Upland varieties in San Joaquin Valley until 1999, most of Germain's trial data included the San Joaquin Cotton Board standard, MAXXA, as a check variety.

As a consistent source of variety information outside of California, Germain's has submitted Upland varieties for testing in the University of Arkansas trial since 1990.

Exhibit A

ORIGIN AND BREEDING HISTORY OF GERMAIN'S GC-204

Germain's variety GC-204 was derived from a cross, GC-303 X GC-9033. GC-303 was selected out of the progeny of a three parent cross (GC-210 X DPL-50) X DPL-90, GC-210 (PVP No. 9300098) was developed from the non-commercial breeding line SB3-3 released by USDA Cotton Research Station, Shafter, CA. DPL-50 (PVP No. 8400154) was a Delta-Pine and Land Co. variety, and DPL-90 (PVP No. 8100163) was released by Delta-Pine and Land Co. in the 1980's. GC-9033 was developed from a cross, DPL-30 X Coker 304.

A chronological scheme of crossing, breeding and pedigree selection and testing is given below.

Year	Generation/ Strain	Procedure
1992	Parental Cross	Cross GC-303 X GC-9033
1992-93 (winter)	F2	F1 seeds grown in greenhouse and F2 seed bulked.
1993	F3	Single plant selections out of F3 plant.
1994	F4	Plant-to-row progeny evaluation. Based on yield potential, fiber quality, uniformity within progeny, resistance to disease (i.e. Verticillium wilt) bulk F5 seed from Potential progenies.
1995	F5	Comparison of progenies. Seed from potential progenies was bulked to establish initial stock for strain tests.
1996	GC-204	Germain's Advanced Strains Test conducted at Buttonwillow, California. (See Table 1)
1997	GC-204	University of Arkansas Advanced Strain Tests conducted at Clarksdale, Arkansas, and Marriana, Arkansas. (See Tables 2 and 3). Germain's Cotton Stains Test conducted at Buttonwillow, California. (See Table 4)
1998	GC-204	Germain's Advanced Variety Test, conducted at Farming "D" in Five Points, California. (See Table 5)

Exhibit A: Origin and Breeding History

Additional Information

Variety: GC-204

GC-204 was developed using a pedigree breeding selection scheme. All selections during the breeding phase were visual evaluations of phenotype. These visual evaluations were for yield potential, uniformity within the progeny row for plant height, and for resistance to disease (especially Verticillium wilt).

An individual progeny row was visually identified during the 1995 season as having superior yield, good verticillium wilt tolerance, and was uniform. This line was named GC-204.

Statement of Uniformity and Stability

GC-240 was evaluated in many environments by the staffs of Germain's Cotton Seed, Inc., and many public researchers beginning in 1995. No off-types were detected and no variants were noted in the variety.

GC-204 has been uniform and stable for the nine year period from 1995 to the present.

GC-204

Statement of Distinctness:

GC-204 is an early cotton variety with determinate growth habit and short in stature as compared to check varieties, STV-474 and SG-125. It is moderately susceptible to lodging and tolerant to Verticillium wilt. GC-204 out yielded STV-474 with superior fiber qualities in length, uniformity, and elongation. GC-204 out yielded SG-125 and has better fiber qualities in uniformity, strength, and elongation.

Revised Exhibit B: Statement of Distinctness

Variety: GC-204

GC-204 is most similar to ST 474, however, the two varieties can be distinguished by the following traits:

Trait	GC-204	ST 474
Fruiting Branch	Clustered	Normal
Stem Lodging	Intermediate	Erect
Leaf Color	Dark Green	Light Green
Pubescence	Sparse	Dense

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**EXHIBIT C
(COTTON)**

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION OFFICE
BELTSVILLE, MD 20705**

**OBJECTIVE DESCRIPTION OF VARIETY
COTTON (*Gossypium* spp.)**

NAME OF APPLICANT(S): <i>Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc.</i>	TEMPORARY DESIGNATION:	VARIETY NAME: GC-204
ADDRESS (Street and No., or R.F.D. No., City, State, & ZIP Code):		FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY PVPO NUMBER <i>2000000176</i>

Place the appropriate data that describes the varietal characteristics of this variety in the space provided. Characteristics described, including numerical measurements, should represent those that are typical for the variety. Royal Horticultural Society or any recognized color fan may be used to determine plant colors. Characters marked with an asterisk (*) indicate necessary characters to be measured.

SPECIFIC VARIETIES USED FOR COMPARISON AS CHECK VARIETIES IN THIS APPLICATION: (Use standard regional check varieties which are adapted to your area. One of the comparison varieties must be the most similar variety used in Exhibit B.

Variety 1: ST 474 Variety 2: _____ Variety 3: _____

* 1. SPECIES: X *G. hirsutum* L. *G. barbadense* L.

* 2. AREA(S) OF ADAPTATION: (A = Adapted, NA = Not Adapted, NT = Not Tested)

<u>A</u> Eastern	<u>A</u> Delta	<u>A</u> Central	<u> </u> Blacklands
<u> </u> Plains	<u> </u> Western	<u>A</u> Arizona	<u>A</u> San Joaquin
<u> </u> Other (Specify)			

3. GENERAL: Characteristics which are known to be variable, but are still useful for a meaningful description of variety.

	Application Variety	Comparison Variety 1	Comparison Variety 2	Comparison Variety 3
Plant Habit: Spreading, Intermediate, Compact	Intermediate	Intermediate		
Foliage: Sparse, Intermediate, Dense	Intermediate	Intermediate		
Stem Lodging: Lodging, Intermediate, Erect	Intermediate	Erect		
Fruiting Branch: Clustered, Short, Normal	Cluster	Normal		

3. GENERAL: (Continued)

	Application Variety	Comparison Variety 1	Comparison Variety 2	Comparison Variety 3
Growth: Determinate, Intermediate, Indeterminate	Determinate	Indeterminate		
Leaf Color: Greenish yellow, Light green, Medium green, Dark green	Dark Green	Light Green		
Boll Shape: Length less than width, Length equal to width, Length more than width	Length=Width	Length>Width		
Boll Breadth: Broadest at base, Broadest at middle	Broadest at Middle	Base		

*4. MATURITY: (50% Open bolls; Preferred method; Describe method if different method was used.)

Date of 50 % open bolls				
5. PLANT:				
Cm to 1st Fruiting Branch: (from cotyledonary node)	10.8			
No. of Nodes to 1st Fruiting Branch: (excluding cotyledonary node)	6			
Mature Plant Height cm: (from cotyledonary node to terminal)	80			

* 6. LEAF: Upper most, fully expanded leaf.

Type: Normal, Sub Okra, Okra, Super Okra	Normal	Normal		
Pubescence: Absent, Sparse, Medium, Dense <u>OR</u> Trichomes/cm ² (Bottom surface excluding veins)	Sparse	Dense		
Nectaries: Present or Absent	Present	Present		

* 7. STEM PUBESCENCE

	Intermediate	Hairy		
Glabrous, Intermediate, Hairy				

*8. GLANDS: (Gossypol) Absent, Sparse, Normal, More than Normal

Leaf:	Sparse	Normal		
Stem:	Sparse	Sparse		
Calyx Lobe: (normal is absent)	Normal	Normal		

*9. FLOWER:

Petals: Cream, Yellow	Cream	Cream		
Pollen: Cream, Yellow	Cream	Cream		
Petal Spot: Present, Absent	Absent	Absent		

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10. SEED:	Application Variety	Comparison Variety 1	Comparison Variety 2	Comparison Variety 3
Seed Index: (g/100 seeds, fuzzy basis)	11.26			
Lint Index: (g lint/100 seeds)	6.99			

11. BOLL:

Lint Percent:

X Picked Pulled 38.28

OR

Gin Turnout:

x Picked Stripped 32.3

Number of Seeds per Boll:

33.9

Grams Seed Cotton per Boll:

6.15

Number of Locules per Boll:

4.62

Boll Type:

(Stormproof, Storm Resistant, Open)

Open

Open

12. Fiber Properties:

Specify Method (HVI or other)

HVI

*Length: (inches, 2.5% SL)

1.17

1.15

*Uniformity: (%)

84.5

81.0

*Strength, T1 (g/tex)

29.6

30.0

*Elongation, E1 (%)

7.1

6.4

*Micronaire:

4.85

3.99

Fineness (Source)

Yarn Tenacity: (cN/tex, 27 tex)

Yarn Strength: (lbs. 22's)

13. DISEASES: (NT = Not Tested, S = Susceptible, MS = Moderately susceptible, MR = Moderately Resistant, R = Resistant)

NT *Alternaria macrospora*
 NT Anthracnose
 NT Ascochyta Blight
 NT Bacterial Blight (Race 1)
 NT Bacterial Blight (Race 2)
 NT Bacterial Blight (Race)

MR Fusarium Wilt
 NT Phymatotrichum Root Rot
 NT *Pythium* (specify species)
 NT *Rhizoctonia solani*
 NT Southwestern Cotton Rust
 NT *Thielaviopsis basicola*

13. DISEASES: (continued) NT = Not Tested, S = Susceptible, MS = Moderately susceptible, MR = Moderately Resistant, R = Resistant

NT Diplodia Boll Rot
 Other (specify)

MR Verticillium Wilt

14. NEMATODES, INSECTS, AND PESTS: (NT = Not Tested, S = Susceptible, MS = Moderately susceptible, MR = Moderately Resistant, R = Resistant)

NT Root-Knot Nematode
 NT Boll Weevil
 NT Bollworm
 NT Cotton Aphid
 NT Cotton Fleahopper
 NT Cotton Leafworm
 NT Cutworm (specify species):
 NT Fall Armyworm
 Other (specify):

NT Reniform Nematode
 NT Grasshopper (specify species)
 NT Lygus (specify species)
 NT Pink Bollworm
 NT Spider Mite (specify species)
 NT Stink Bug (specify species)
 NT Thrips (specify species)
 NT Tobacco Bud Worm

15. COMMENTS: Present any additional information that cannot adequately be described in 1 through 13 which significantly distinguishes your variety.

TABLE 1.

**1996 Germain's Cotton Seeds, Advanced Strains Test,
Buttonwillow, California**

PARAMETERS	GC-204	MAXXA	LSD (.05)	% CV
Lint Yield (lbs/A)	1565	1354	199	7.2
Lint (T/O)	36.9	39.0	1.9	2.0

Fiber Quality:

Length - HVI	1.15	1.18	0.03	1.5
Uniformity - HVI	83.1	83.8	0.75	0.9
Strength - HVI	30.7	36.5	3.7	3.8
Elongation - HVI	6.2	5.0	0.9	5.2
Micronaire - HVI	4.2	4.2	0.01	2.2

TABLE 2.

**1997 Performance of Cotton Strains in Commercial Strains Test,
Clarkedale, Arkansas**

PARAMETERS	GC-204	ST-474	LSD (.05)	CV
Lint Yield (lbs/A)	1063	1041	123	13.3
Lint (T/O)	37.4	40.7	2.3	3.6

Fiber Quality:

Length - HVI	1.17	1.15	0.03	1.7
Uniformity - HVI	84.0	81.0	1.5	1.1
Strength - HVI	29.7	30.0	2.3	4.5
Elongation - HVI	7.1	6.4	0.7	6.1
Micronaire - HVI	4.49	3.99	0.56	8.3

TABLE 3

**1997 Performance of Cotton Strains in Commercial Strains Test,
Marianna, Arkansas**

PARAMETERS	GC-204	SG-125	LSD (.05)	% CV
Lint Yield (lbs/A)	1341	1313	84	7.1
Lint (T/O)	37.8	40.0	1.6	2.3

Fiber Quality:

Length - HVI	1.17	1.19	0.03	1.7
Uniformity - HVI	85.0	82.0	1.6	1.1
Strength - HVI	29.5	29.1	1.9	3.8
Elongation - HVI	7.1	6.9	0.6	5.1
Micronaire - HVI	5.22	4.95	0.25	3.1

TABLE 4

**1997 Germain's Cotton Advanced Strains Test,
Buttonwillow, California**

PARAMETERS	GC-204	MAXXA	LSD (.05)	CV
Lint Yield (lbs/A)	1540	1543	45	7.1
Lint (T/O)	-----	-----	----	----

Fiber Quality:

Length - HVI	1.13	1.19	0.06	0.8
Uniformity - HVI	83.4	84.0	0.5	0.9
Strength - HVI	30.2	34.1	0.8	3.2
Elongation - HVI	6.4	6.2	0.1	2.6
Micronaire - HVI	4.1	3.9	0.11	4.1

TABLE 5

**1998 Germain's Cotton Advanced Strains Test,
Farming "D", California**

PARAMETERS	GC-204	MAXXA	LSD (.05)	% CV
Lint Yield (lbs/A)	1407	1080	280	8.8
Lint (T/O)	32.2	35.7	2.8	4.8
<u>Fiber Quality:</u>				
Length - HVI	1.13	1.19	0.02	1.5
Uniformity - HVI	83.0	83.5	0.06	5.1
Strength - HVI	35.8	37.3	0.4	4.8
Elongation - HVI	5.5	5.6	0.1	4.1
Micronaire - HVI	5.1	4.5	0.5	1.8

Table 6

**Average of Germain's Cotton Seed Trials
Covering a 3 year period**

PARAMETERS	GC-204	MAXXA
Lint Yield (lbs/Acre)	1504	1326
Length - HVI	1.14	1.19
Uniformity - HVI	83.6	83.8
Strength - HVI	32.2	35.9
Elongation - HVI	5.9	5.3
Micronaire - HVI	4.7	4.2

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EXHIBIT E
STATEMENT OF THE BASIS OF OWNERSHIP

The following statements are made in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a) and the Paper Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995.

Application is required in order to determine if a plant variety protection certificate is to be issued (7 U.S.C. 2421). The information is held confidential until the certificate is issued (7 U.S.C. 2426).

1. NAME OF APPLICANT(S) Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc.	2. TEMPORARY DESIGNATION OR EXPERIMENTAL NUMBER GC-204	2. VARIETY NAME GC-204
3. ADDRESS (Street and No., or R.F.D. No., City, State, and ZIP, and Country) 7100 N.W. 62 nd Ave. P.O. Box 1000 Johnston, IA 50131-1000 USA	5. TELEPHONE (Include area code) (515) 253-5870	6. FAX (Include area code) (515) 334-6883
7. PVPO NUMBER 200000176		

8. Does the applicant own all rights to the variety? Mark an "X" in the appropriate block.
If no, please explain.

☒ YES ☐ NO

9. Is the applicant (individual or company) a U.S. National or a U.S. based company?
If no, give name of country

☒ YES ☐ NO

10. Is the applicant the original owner? ☐ YES ☒ NO If no, please answer one of the following:

a. If the original rights to variety were owned by individual(s), is (are) the original owner(s) a U.S. National(s)?

☒ YES ☐ NO If no, give name of country

b. If the original rights to variety were owned by a company(ies), is (are) the original owner(s) a U.S. based company?

☒ YES ☐ NO If no, give name of country

11. Additional explanation on ownership (If needed, use the reverse for extra space):

Please Note:

Plant variety protection can only be afforded to the owners (not licensees) who meet the following criteria:

1. If the rights to the variety are owned by the original breeder, that person must be a U.S. national, national of a UPOV member country, or national of a country which affords similar protection to nationals of the U.S. for the same genus and species.
2. If the rights to the variety are owned by the company which employed the original breeder(s), the company must be U.S. based, owned by nationals of a UPOV member country, or owned by nationals of a country which affords similar protection to nationals of the U.S. for the same genus and species.
3. If the applicant is an owner who is not the original owner, both the original owner and the applicant must meet one of the above criteria.

The original breeder/owner may be the individual or company who directed the final breeding. See Section 41(a)(2) of the Plant Variety Protection Act for definitions.

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Exhibit E: Statement of the Basis of Ownership
Additional Information

Variety: GC-204

Item 11:

GC-204 was developed by several researchers under the employment of Germain's Cotton Seed, Inc. Germain's Cotton Seed, Inc., retained all rights and privileges pertaining to the variety. These rights and privileges were transferred to Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc. via contract in October, 1998.